

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 KINGST 07129 121629Z

ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 ARA-15 ISO-00 COME-00 INT-05 AID-05
CIAE-00 FRB-01 INR-10 NSAE-00 ICA-20 TRSE-00
XMB-04 OPIC-06 SP-02 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 /083 W
-----090840 131952Z /64

R 121240Z SEP 78

FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3337
INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY
AMEMBASSY CARACAS

UNCLAS KINGSTON 7129

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECRE, EMIN, JM

SUBJECT: JAVEMEX PROJECT SHELVED - GOJ COMPANY RETAINS STAFF

REF: A. KINGSTON 2693 B. KINGSTON 3478

1. AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, JAVEMEX CEASED TO EXIST AND ITS OPERATIONS WERE ABSORBED INTO JAMAICA BAUXITE MINING LIMITED (JBM). (SEE PARA. 3 FOR INFO ON JBM) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SOURCES CLOSE TO THE BAUXITE INDUSTRY HAVE DISCLOSED THAT, INSTEAD OF DISMANTLING THE ORGANIZATION AND LAYING OFF THE STAFF, THE DECISION WAS TAKEN TO RETAIN THE EXPERTISE WITHIN THE BAUXITE/ALUMINA INDUSTRY SO AS TO BUILD UP A REPOSITORY OF SKILLS WITHIN THE JBM. THE FORMER HEAD OF JAVEMEX VINCENT LAWRENCE IS REPORTEDLY ACTING AS HEAD OF JBM.

2. BACKGROUND: THE JOINT VENTURESHIP BETWEEN JAMAICA (51 PERCENT), MEXICO (29 PER CENT) AND VENEZUELA (10 PER CENT) WAS CONCEIVED IN 1973 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A 600,000 TON CAPACITY ALUMINA PLANT. THE REMAINING 10 PER CENT WAS TO BE SOLD TO ALGERIA AND ANY OTHER COUNTRY WITH WHOM FIRM CONTRACTS FOR ALUMINA SALE COULD BE MADE. THE PLANT WAS TO START
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 KINGST 07129 121629Z

PRODUCTION IN 1981, BUT WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF MEXICO (SEE REF. B.) THE PROJECT HAS NOW BEEN FINALLY ABANDONED.

3. JAMAICA BAUXITE MINING LIMITED (JBM) WAS INCORPORATED IN FEBRUARY 1976. IT IS A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE GOJ'S JAMAICA NATIONAL INVESTMENT COMPANY (JNIC) WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTING THE PROCEEDS OF THE

PRODUCTION LEVY. JBM WAS FORMED TO BE THE GOJ PARTNER OF THE MULTI-NATIONAL MINING CORPORATIONS IN JAMAICA OR ANY INTER-GOVERNMENT JOINT VENTURE OR PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT IN THE BAUXITE MINING ASSETS THAT THE GOJ HAS ACQUIRED AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF ACQUIRING. FOR EXAMPLE, 51 PER CENT GOJ INTEREST IN KAISER, REYNOLDS AND ALCOA, SOON-TO-BE-COMPLETED 51 PER CENT IN ALCAN AND THEREAFTER SIMILAR NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALPART. IT IS PART OF GOJ'S POLICY TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP OTHER BAUXITE DEPOSITS NOT OWNED BY THE EXISTING MULTI-NATIONAL MINING COMPANIES, AND IT WOULD BE THE ROLE OF THE JBM TO MANAGE THE ASSETS ACQUIRED.

IRVING

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ALUMINUM, BAUXITE, INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, CLOSURE OF OFFICES, JOINT VENTURES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 sep 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978KINGST07129
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780372-1198
Format: TEL
From: KINGSTON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780977/aaaaclyz.tel
Line Count: 74
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c7df5b52-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 KINGSTON 2693
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1471308
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JAVEMEX PROJECT SHELVED - GOJ COMPANY RETAINS STAFF
TAGS: ECRE, EMIN, JM, MX, VE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c7df5b52-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014